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THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 1016: See topic summary at http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1016.html

** ALBANIA. Contradicting recent R. Tirana English sked here in 99-71 from their website is this one from BBC Monitoring Dec 15:

Am 0130-0200 and 0330-0400 6115 7160; Eu 1745-1800 7210 9755 and 2230-2300 1215 7130 9540. I have yet to confirm at 0130 and really now half an hour too, but Wolfgang Bueschel has confirmed the 1745 apparently rather than 2015 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1016)

** CANADA. Here are some frequency changes made by RCI as of Monday 13 December. (Glenn, sorry this will be too late for WOR 1016, but I only just got the complete info):

0600-0700 UTC -- 6045 Sackville (250 kW/60 deg) replaces 6090 kHz.
0600-0700 UTC -- 9780 Skelton (300 kW/180) has been moved from the Europe/NAm programming to the African programming.
0600-0700 UTC -- 13690 Skelton is discontinued.
1430-1500 UTC -- 11980 Skelton (300 kW/150) replaces 11740 kHz for English to Europe. (11740 was getting a lot of complaints from listeners, due to co-channel Romania, among other things.)
2130-2200 UTC -- 11890 Skelton (300 kW/180) replaces 11765 Skelton for the Mon-Fri "Canada ce soir" broadcast. BTW, the revised schedule is up on the RCI website. (Surprisingly quickly updated, if you ask me.) 73- (Bill Westenhaver Dec 15)

** CANADA. Item from PanIview Nov 30 says RCI's new African service has already started, including English 0430-0500 M-F on 9690, 11795 (WORLD OF RADIO 1016) Checked UT Dec 17, nothing audible on 11795, unID weak signal on 9690. Really on? Could be neither is from Sackville. 9690 would clash with REE Sephardic UT Tue 0415-0445 unless that has moved (Hauser, OK)

** CONGO D.R. 5066 // 3390 Radio Candip 16.00-16.30 Af Mx and ID at 16.20 in french by man as "Vous etes a l'ecoute de la radio scolaire et developpement Candip" and continued with "transmitting in 70 and 90 meter band'', probably the same thing by woman in Af lang and then went off. Good reception at that time which is quite rare for this station, while 3390 was hard to hear (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius, Dec

15)

** KURDISTAN. Voice of the Struggle of Iranian Kordestan (Kurdish: "Aira Dangi Khabati Kurdistani Iran") has been observed intermittently since 1988. Programmes are hostile to the Iranian government. Frequencies are subject to variation. Frequencies used in the past include: 7435, 7000, 5080 and 4185 kHz. Current schedule: 1600-1700 Daily KURDISH MEDom 4.290 (BBC Monitoring Dec 15 via WORLD OF RADIO 1016)

** MACAU [non]. Dear friend:

Following Hong Kong's smooth return to China, Macao is now attracting worldwide attention. At midnight on 20th December, 1999, China will resume its exercise of sovereignty over Macao. China Radio International will broadcast the ceremony live. We hope you will tune in.

CRI's live broadcasting will begin at 15:00 hours on the 19th (UT) and conclude at 12:30 on the 20th. It will include the return ceremony (15:00-16:30 UT on 19th December) and the swearing in of Ho Hau-wah as the Macao SAR's first Chief Executive (17:30-18:30 UT on 19th). He will establish the first government of the Macao Special Administration Region.

Please send us your comments. We are looking forward to receiving your e-mail on the 21th December. With best regards, Sincerely yours (Ying Lian, CRI, Dec 16 via George J. Poppin)

Macao in Chinese is Aomen [ow-mun]. Ying Lian is a collective pseudonym of the Letters Section of CRI English section (Daniel Say, swprograms)

Does this mean the special coverage will be in English???? How about the frequencies!!!! At 1500 normally on 7405 to WNAm. At least they are explicit about the UT dates (Hauser)

** MALTA [non]. I heard Malta in English at 0705 tune-in till sign off at 0730 on 7150 Dec 14. Very good signal coupled with low noise levels made listening a pleasure! Nice feature on the best locations to jog in Malta (i.e. north shore). 73, (Ivan Grishin, WORLD OF RADIO 1016) This is via ITALY

** NEW ZEALAND. As we approach midwinter in Europe, reception of Radio New Zealand International becomes quite good on the short-wave bands from about midday our time until just after darkness falls. At present their transmissions are on 17675 kHz, starting at 1650 UT, Mondays to Fridays, and at 1850 UT at weekends. Their usual closedown is at 1005 UT. During our winter they are 13 hours ahead of us, and will therefore be one of the first nations to celebrate the new millennium. They will remain on air continuously from 1650

UT on the 30th of December until 1005 UT on the 1st of January 2000, during which they may also be heard on 6105 at 1105 UT and on 6145 at 1505 UT. E-mail QSLs can be sent to info@rnzi.com Further details of the station can be found on the RSGB web site. (Radio Society of Great Britain GB2RS News, posted December 16, via John Norfolk, OKCOK)

** PAKISTAN. 4790 // 5027 // 9330 // 9395 // 9430 // 11570 // 11645: December 15 Radio Pakistan was on all these frequencies. General Musharraf was presenting 1995-2000 budget around 18.15 and until 19.05 in English, he announced among other things tax reforms, more incentive for business, more attention to rural areas and as well the use of Internet will be extended. Signal of 11570 was far better that all others. (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius)

** PERU. R. Libertad, Trujillo, has been closed Dec 9 by an official of the Ministry of Transport and Communications as an unlicensed clandestine. The station maintains that it has been licensed since Nov 1951 (IFEX website via BBC Monitoring Dec 16, summarised by Hauser) Not sure, but this rings a bell as having been on SW; no frequency mentioned, of course (Hauser)

** SWEDEN. Dear Radio Friends, As you might have heard, a strong wind, reaching hurricane strength (at least the Swedish definition for "orkan") hit the southern part of Sweden some time ago. Unfortunately, the short wave site of Teracom, radiating the programmes of Radio Sweden, was hit. Most of the damage was quickly fixed and few transmissions were deleted. However, a the strong wind caused a LP antenna to fall down. Picture of this can be seen at: http://www.rd.teracom.se/hurricane/hurricane.htm As the height is around 60 meters from the normal position, there is not much left to fix. I hope you can imagine the force of the wind and we can assure you that we have done our best to minimize the inconvenience for you who are listening. If you have any additional questions or perhaps a new LP for sale, do not hesitate to drop me a line. Yours sincerely, (Magnus Nilsson, Hf Frequency Planning, Teracom AB via hard-core dx Dec 17) ###